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RAISING A TORNADO PART 2
少年少女漂流記
The Chronicle of The Clueless Age

I PICKED UP A BABY TORNADO
AND DECIDED TO RAISE IT.
I NAMED IT "FUUTA,"
AND EVERY-TIME I CALL ITS NAME, IT COMES TO ME.
I CAN DIVIDE IT WITH A PENCIL,
BUT IT SOON GOES BACK TO BEING ONE AGAIN.
AS FRIENDS, WE CAN UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER MORE OR LESS
ALTHOUGH FUUTA CAN'T DIRECTLY TALK TO ME,
WHEN I THINK BAD THOUGHTS OR AM ANGRY,
FUUTA GROWS BIGGER,

I WONDER IF IT'S REFLECTING THE STATE OF MY HEART WHEN I'M ANGRY...
AND RAMPAGES AROUND, DESTROYING THINGS IN ITS PATH
ONE DAY, FUJITA WENT BERSERK,
AND HURT MY MOTHER.
FUTA... NOT ME
IT WAS...

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO HIT YOUR MOTHER!
TAITO, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A BABY TORNADO!
ON ALL THE PAGES,
THERE'S NOTHING BUT TORNADOES!
I LOOKED THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL NOTEBOOKS.
THIS PAGE,
AND THIS PAGE TOO!
NOTHING BUT TORNADOES!
IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD!
THERE WAS NEVER SUCH A THING AS FUJITA.

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SHE SAID YOU'RE JUST A DELUSION OF MINE...
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FUJITA...
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JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I FOUND A FRIEND THAT I CAN CONNECT WITH...

FULITA, THIS IS GOOD BYE...
YOU HAVE TO LIVE ALONE FROM NOW ON...
FULITA, THANKS FOR ALL THE GOOD TIMES WE HAD!
BUT I WON'T EVER FORGET ABOUT YOU!
I'LL TRY MY BEST TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU TOO,
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ALRIGHT, LET'S SPLIT OFF INTO OUR GROUPS THEN!
COSTUME GROUP!
GUESS I'LL HELP OUT
ART GROUP OVER HERE!
SCRIPT-WRITERS, OVER HERE!
ACTORS OVER HERE!
AH, I'M TIRED
PROPS GROUP GATHER HERE!
DO I LOOK LIKE HANNIBAL?
I'LL BE THE HEROINE!
NO, BUT YOU LOOK LIKE A LAME VIRGIN, HAHAHA!
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TOKI HAIKYER!
SHUT UP VIRGIN!
CHURCH GIRL
I CAN BE THE MAIN LEAD.
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NO!
COME ON!
BUT... WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF...
NINOMIYA, SO YOU'RE THE NEW CLASS REP, HUH...

UMM...

SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA... SO WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING ?
AH, WELL A PLAY IS ONE WAY THROUGH WHICH THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP CAN GROW.
WHILE YOU WERE AWAY, THE CLASS DECIDED TO DO A PLAY FOR THE CULTURE FESTIVAL.
I SEE...
STOP BEING SO CHEAP.
HAHAHA
YAMA-TA.
AH, SORRY. I FORGOT ABOUT YOU
SOUNDS COOL!
HAHA, NICE, NICE!
HOW ABOUT ROMEO GOING TO THE PLANET OF THE APES?
AH, I GOT A MAIL FROM YUU!
LOOK, LOOK AT MY NAILS!
FROM WHO?
IT'S FINE
HOMEROOM CLASS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A CLASS WHEN WE CAN GET A BREAK ANYWAYS
AND THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE NOT WORKING .
IS THAT ALRIGHT?
THEY'RE USING THEIR CELLPHONES DURING HOMEROOM CLASS...

HOW COULD YOU SAY SUCH A THING DESPITE BEING THE CLASS REP!?
HUH?
HOMEROOM CLASS IS NOT JUST A CLASS WHERE WE GOOF OFF!
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WITHOUT IT, WE'D JUST BE RANDOM STRANGERS SITTING IN A ROOM!
IT'S A CLASS DURING WHICH WE SINCERELY TALK ABOUT OUR FEELINGS AND TROUBLES!
FOR US TEENAGERS, HOMEROOM IS THE MOST IMPORTANT CLASS!!
EVEN IF YOU'RE DOING A PLAY, A GOOD HONEST ENVIRONMENT IS NEEDED TO MAKE A GOOD PLAY!

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GET LOST
ANNOY-ING
WHAT-EVER.
SHUT UP
SHUT UP
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SO WHY'RE YOU THE ONLY ONE,
MAKING SUCH A BIG FUSS?
YA
WE CAN TALK ABOUT OUR FEELINGS,
DREAMS, AND WHATNOT OUTSIDE OF CLASS AS WELL
YEAH
WE'RE ALREADY FRIENDS HERE.
EVERYTHING WAS GOING JUST FINE WHEN YOU WEREN'T HERE
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S BEING A NU[illegible]

THE TYPHOON IS ENTERING THE KANTO REGION AND...
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HUH?
TRIED TO GET BACK HOME AS—
I'M HOME
MAN, WHAT A DOWNPOUR.
WHAT!? NAOTSUGU STILL HASN'T COME BACK HOME!?
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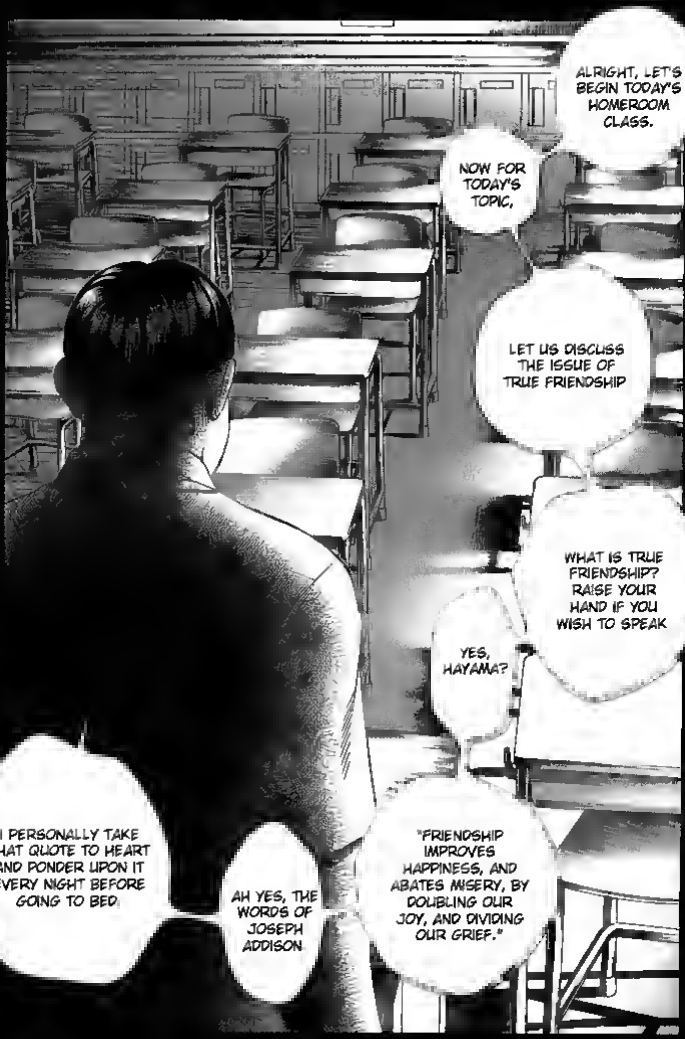
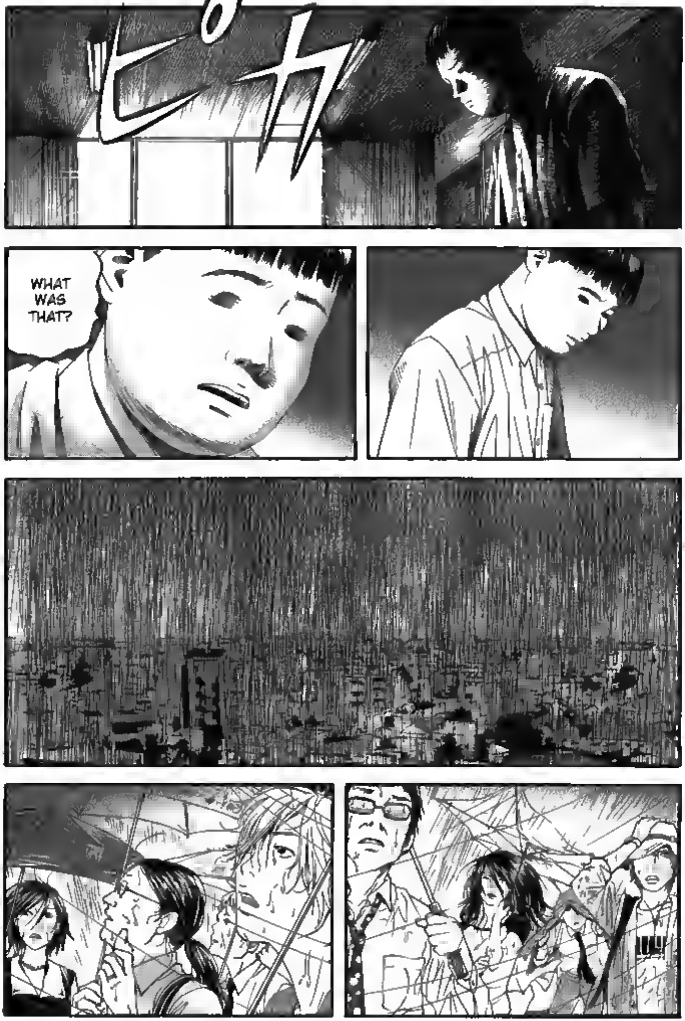

ALRIGHT, LET'S BEGIN TODAY'S HOMEROOM CLASS.
NOW FOR TODAY'S TOPIC,
LET US DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP
WHAT IS TRUE FRIENDSHIP? RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK
YES, HAYAMA?
"FRIENDSHIP IMPROVES HAPPINESS, AND ABATES MISERY, BY DOUBLING OUR JOY, AND DIVIDING OUR GRIEF."
AH YES, THE WORDS OF JOSEPH ADDISON
I PERSONALLY TAKE THAT QUOTE TO HEART AND PONDER UPON IT EVERY NIGHT BEFORE GOING TO BED.

ANYONE ELSE,
HAVE ANY-THING TO ADD?
YOU'RE THE ONLY FRIEND I HAVE
FUJITA, I'M HOPELESS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WHAT WAS THAT?

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AT AROUND 4:30 THIS AFTERNOON, 3 TORNADOES WERE SEEN RAMPAGING THROUGHOUT THE CITY.
IT IS CURRENTLY HEADING NORTHEAST.
— FUJITA?

AHHHH!!!
RUN FOR IT!!
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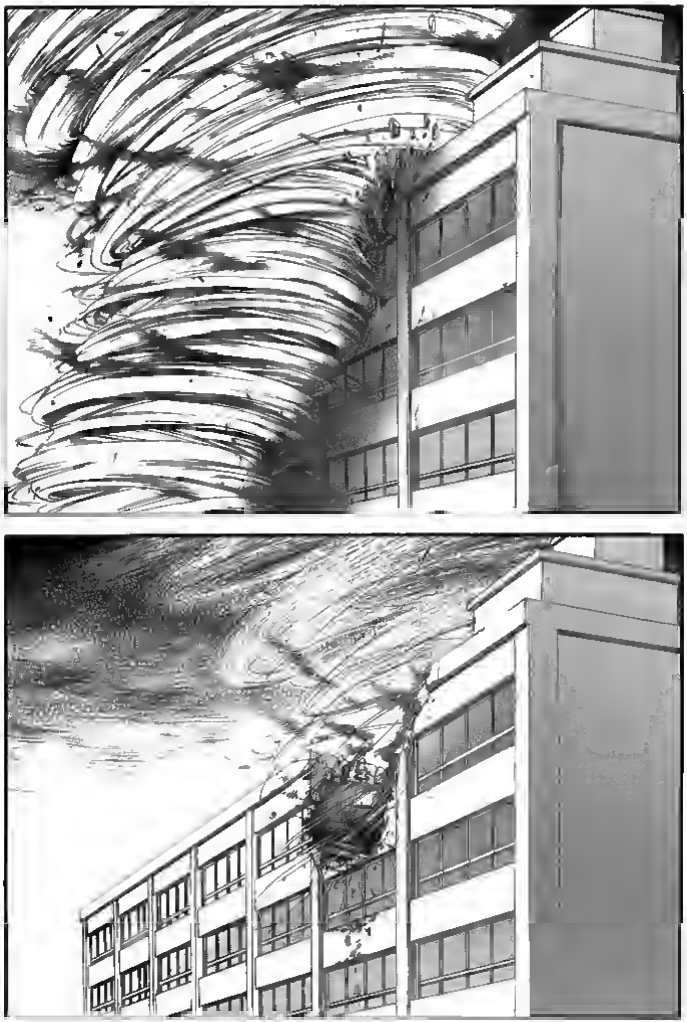
IT HAS YET TO BE CONFIRMED BUT THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF PEOPLE BEING SUCKED INSIDE THE TORNADOES.
WITNESSES CLAIM THEY SAW TEEN-AGERS—

...AND THAT THEY WERE SPIRALING INSIDE THE GIANT TORNADO.
IT'S ME!!
FUUTA!!



AMAZING, FUJITA!
I'M INSIDE YOU RIGHT NOW!!
YOU UNDER-STAND ME, DON'T YOU?
BECAUSE WE'RE TWO KINDRED SOULS!
THEN...
FUJITA!
YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW, DON'T YOU?
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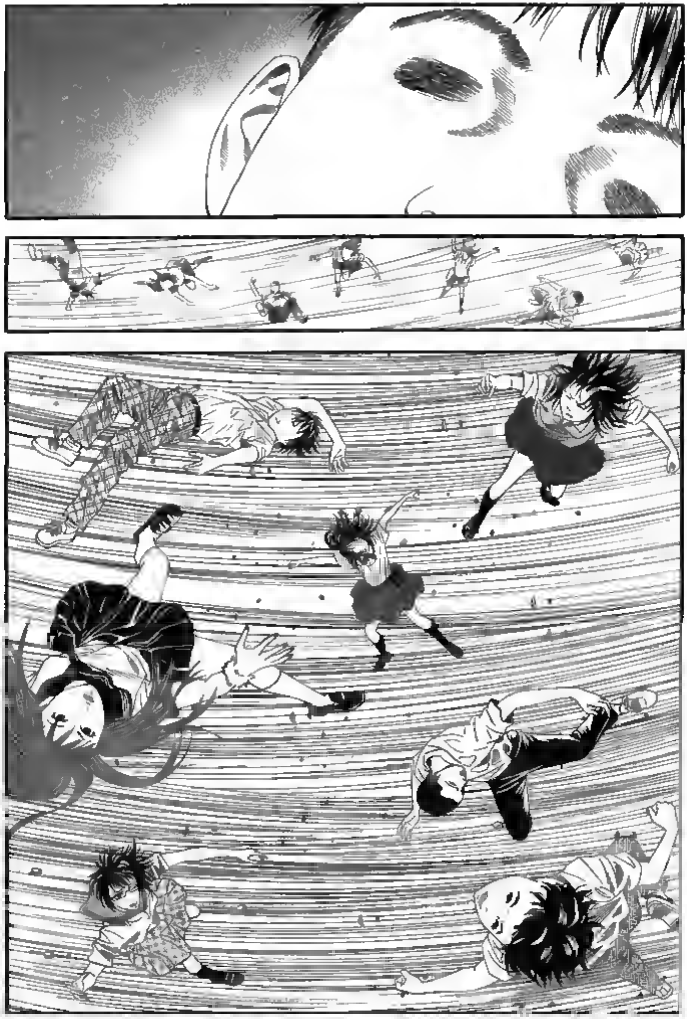

THANK YOU, FUJITA!!